

CLAIMS

1. An encapsulated product, comprising:

- 5 a) a therapeutically-effective amount of a pharmaceutical;
- b) at least one compressible material;
- c) at least one lubricating material; and
- d) wherein said product is in the form of a caplet having a diameter from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters
- 10 and a length from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters.

2. The encapsulated product of claim 1 wherein said pharmaceutical is selected from the group consisting of:

15 antitussives, antihistamines, decongestants, alkaloids, mineral supplements, laxatives, antacids, ion exchange resins, anti-cholesterolemics, antiarrhythmics, antipyretics, analgesics, appetite suppressants, expectorants, anti-anxiety agents, anti-ulcer agents, anti-inflammatory substances, coronary dilators, cerebral dilators, peripheral vasodilators,

20 anti-infectives, psychotropics, antimanics, stimulants, gastrointestinal agents, sedatives, anti-diarrheal preparations, anti-anginal drugs, vasodialators, anti-hypertensive drugs, vasoconstrictors, migraine treatments, antibiotics, tranquilizers, anti-psychotics, antitumor drugs, anticoagulants,

25 antithrombotic drugs, hypontics, anti-emetics, anti-nausants, anti-convulsants, neuromuscular drugs, hyper- and hypoglycemic spasmodics, uterine relaxants, mineral and nutritional additives, antiobesity drugs, anabolic drugs, erythropoietic drugs, antiashmatics, cough suppressants, mucolytics,

30 anti-uricemic drugs and mixtures thereof.

3. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein the said pharmaceutical is a psychotropic.

4. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said
5 psychotropic is a anti-anxiety therapeutic.

6. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said
psychotropic is an insomnia therapeutic.

10 7. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said
psychotropic is an antidepressant.

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15 9 2 The encapsulated product of claim 6, wherein said
9 3 antidepressant is selected from the group consisting of
9 4 Fluoxetine HCl, Paroxetine HCl, Sertraline HCl, and Venlafaxine
9 5 HCl, Amitriptyline, Nortriptyline, Imipramine, Desipramine,
9 6 Doxepin, Trimipramine, Clomipramine, Protriptyline, Amoxapine,
9 7 Maprotiline, Phenelzine, Tranylcypromine, Fluvoxamine,
9 8 Venlafaxine, Trazodone, Nefazodone, Mirtazapine, Bupropion, or
20 9 mixtures thereof.

10 8. The encapsulated product of claim 7, wherein said
pharmaceutical is Fluoxetine HCl.

25 9. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein said
pharmaceutical is a gastrointestinal therapeutic.

10. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said
gastrointestinal therapeutic is a ulcer therapeutic.

30 11. The encapsulated product of claim 10, wherein said

ulcer therapeutic is selected from the group consisting of Omeprazole, Lansoprazole, Ranitidine HCl, Famotidine, Nizatidine, Teprenone, Cimetidine, Rabeprazole sodium, Sulpiride, or mixtures thereof.

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12. The encapsulated product of claim 11, wherein said ulcer therapeutic is Omeprazole.

13. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said
10 gastrointestinal therapeutic is a anti-emetic.

14. The encapsulated product of claim 13, wherein said
anti-emetic is selected from the group consisting of Ondansetron
HCl, Granisetron HCl, dimenhydrinate, Tropisetron, Dolasetron
mesylate, Cisapride, Sulfasalazine, Balsalazide, Infliximab, or
15 mixtures thereof.

15. The encapsulated product of claim 14, wherein said
anti-emetic is dimenhydrinate.

16. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said
gastrointestinal therapeutic is a anti-diarrheal therapeutic.

17. The encapsulated product of claim 16, wherein said
25 anti-diarrheal therapeutic is selected from the group consisting
of Loperamide HCl, diphenoxylate, codeine phosphate, camphorated
opium tincture, or mixtures thereof.

18. The encapsulated product of claim 17, wherein said
30 anti-diarrheal therapeutic is Loperamide HCl

19. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein said pharmaceutical is a migraine therapeutic.

20. The encapsulated product of claim 19, wherein said
5 migraine therapeutic is selected from the group consisting of
sumatriptan succinate, amitriptyline, methysergide, propranolol,
valproate, verapamil, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine,
metoclopramide, naratriptan, prochlorperazine, rizatriptan
benzoate, zolmitriptan, eletriptan, acetaminophen, aspirin,
10 NSAID's, opioids, or mixtures thereof.

21. The encapsulated product of claim 20, wherein said
migraine therapeutic is sumatriptan succinate.

22. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein said
15 pharmaceutical is a therapeutic for the treatment of
hypertension.

23. The encapsulated product of claim 22, wherein said
20 therapeutic is selected from the group consisting of nifedipine,
amlodipine besylate, losartan potassium, lisinopril, felodipine,
benazepril HCl, ramipril, irbesartan, verapamil HCl, bisoprolol
fumarate and hydrochlorothiazide, amlodipine and benazepril HCl,
clonidine, candesartan, cilexetil, diltiazem, nicardipine,
25 imidapril, trandolapril, eprosartan mesylate, nilvadipine,
verapamil HCl, temocapril, prazosin HCl, isradipine, cilazapril,
celiprolol, bisoprolol, betazolol HCl, ramipril, nisoldipine,
lisinopril, trandolapril, and nisoldipine.

30 24. The encapsulated product of claim 23, wherein said
therapeutic is nifedipine.